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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 5590

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, SY, LE, PLO

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF FATAH LEADER AHMAD ABBAS

1. LOCAL PALESTINIAN SOURCE INFORMED RSO AUGUST 23 THAT FATAH LEADER AHMAD ABBAS HAD BEEN ASSASSINATED AT HIS HOME PREVIOUS DAY IN TRIPOLI, LEBANON. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, BODY WILL BE RETURNED TO SYRIA FOR BURIAL. EN ROUTTE TO DAMASCUS THERE WILL BE CEREMONY AT HOMES PALESTINIAN CAMP. BODY EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN DAMASCUS EVENING AUGUST 23 FOR BURIAL FOLLOWING DAY.

2. COMMENT: WHILE FUNERAL COULD CONCEIVABLY BECOME FOCUS FOR EXPRESSION OF PALESTINIAN ANTI-REGIME SENTIMENT, WE PRESUME SARG SECURITY WILL ENSURE IT DOES NOT GET OUT OF HAND.
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